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MAYOR BALLARD CELEBRATES LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., PRESENTS JENNY SOSNA WITH THE LUCIOUS NEWSOM COMMUNITY LEGACY AWARD

INDIANAPOLIS– Today, Mayor Greg Ballard presented Jenny Sosna, founder of the Latino Community Development Corp., with the Lucious Newsom Community Legacy Award at the City of Indianapolis 2011 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration. The theme for this year's celebration of Dr. King's life and legacy, "Continuing the Dream," encourages youth and adults to participate in activities that promote community services, diversity and equality.

At the event in the City-County Building's Beurt SerVaas Public Assembly Room, Mayor Ballard recognized Sosna for her efforts in providing a better quality of life for Hispanic families by making available access to resources and opportunities for education, employment and healthcare.

"Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. tirelessly advocated for equality and exemplified leadership in service. His work continues today in communities across the nation and right here in Indianapolis," said Mayor Ballard. "Lucious Newsom lived a full life dedicated to service and selflessness. His legacy, like that of Dr. King, is alive in our city because of the positive work of individuals like Jenny Sosna. Her selflessness and dedication to the Latino community is exemplary and I am proud to recognize her today as a leader in service for our city."

The City of Indianapolis created the Lucious Newsom Community Legacy Award in 2010, naming it after the Indianapolis resident to commemorate Newsom's life. For nearly two decades, Newsom answered the call to help the poor in Indianapolis and devoted his life to public service and assisting neighbors in need. The award honors individuals who promote outstanding dedication and selflessness in community service.

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ABOUT JENNY SOSNA

A native of Ecuador, Jenny Sosna immigrated to the United States in 1998 with a Master's Degree in Education. Sosna began her community outreach to help meet the needs of Indianapolis' Hispanic population in 2000 with food and toy distribution to 150 to 300 families and children during the holiday season. Sosna also founded the Latino Community Development Corp., and since 2007, it has expanded its services statewide, partnering with businesses to provide tools for employment to information on healthcare. The Latino Community Development Corp. continues to improve the quality of life for Hispanic families with access to more opportunities, resources, and services.

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